

**REMARKS**

Claims 24, 27, 28, and 58-93 are currently pending. Applicant has amended claims 24, 58, 72, and 86 and canceled claims 25 and 26.

The Examiner has rejected claims 24, 58, 72 and 86 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shaw, and claims 24-28 and 59-93 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kinney in view of Shaw. Even though applicant respectfully disagrees with the basis of these rejections, application has amended independent claims 24, 58, 72, and 86 to further clarify the claimed invention by incorporating the features of claims 25 and 26. As agreed to by the Examiner in the April 5, 2006 telephone conference, claims 24, 27, 28, and 58-93 distinguish over the applied references for reciting features that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, the pending claims recite a novel combination of elements that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned representative at (206) 359-6038.

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